

## **Claims**

1. A stringed musical instrument comprising:
  - a hollow body having a soundboard and soundhole;
  - a neck mounted to said hollow body;
  - one or more strings stretched over said hollow body and said neck;
  - said neck having upper string anchoring means and means for an upper contact point with the string;
  - a bridge body secured on the top of said hollow body and a saddle for providing a lower contact point with the string; and
  - lower string anchoring means secured to the top of said hollow body wherein one or more of said strings are anchored below the bridge.
2. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein the bridge body includes a string retainer body with said string retainer body having directing means to guide each string from the lower string anchors passed said retainer body to the saddle.
3. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 2 wherein the string retainer body is comprised of:
  - a string retainer body consisting of a solid material; and
  - said string retainer body having a recess extending through said string retainer body whereby said recess is contoured to allow the strings to pass through said recess in a desired spacing relative to the other strings and along a desired horizontal plane between the saddle body and the lower anchoring means.

4. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said string anchoring means are positioned so that the string anchors on the left side of the hollow body are equally displaced from the center and top of the guitar body as each of the corresponding string anchors on the right side.
5. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said bridge body has adjustable means to reposition said bridge body on said bridge plate.
6. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said adjustable means comprises: adjustable fastening means secures the bridge body to the bridge plate whereby said fastening means can be readily loosened and tightened; and said bridge plate has recessed slots in a direction parallel to the direction of the strings to accommodate said adjustable fastening means, whereby the bridge body can be adjusted along said recessed slots by loosening said fastening means, repositioning said bridge body up or down said recessed slots, and tightening said fastening means.
7. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said lower string anchoring means is comprised of an anchoring module:  
said anchoring module having a solid module body with a receiving hole on the lower edge of said module body said receiving hole having a diameter larger than the string diameter but smaller than diameter of the ball of the guitar string; and  
a recess in said anchoring module body to allow said string to pass through said anchoring module body;

an outlet hole in said top side of the anchoring module body, said outlet hole allowing the guitar string to extend passed said anchoring module body and towards the bridge body.

8. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said lower string anchoring means is comprised of an anchoring module:

    said anchoring module having a solid module body with a receiving hole on the lower edge of said module body said receiving hole having a diameter larger than the string diameter but smaller than diameter of the ball of the guitar string; and  
    a recess in said anchoring module body to allow said string to pass through said anchoring module body;
9. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein the lower string anchoring means is secured directly to the top of the guitar body and apart from the bridge plate.
10. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said neck has adjustment means to move said neck vertically without changing the angle of said neck relative to said hollow body.
11. The musical instrument as set forth in Claim 1 wherein there is a bridge plate underneath said soundboard whereby said bridge plate supports said bridge body.
12. A stringed musical instrument comprising:

    a hollow body having a soundboard and soundhole;

a neck mounted to said hollow body;  
one or more strings stretched over said hollow body and said neck;  
said neck having upper string anchoring means and means for an upper contact point with  
the string;  
a saddle for providing a lower contact point with the string; and  
lower string anchoring means secured to the top of said hollow body wherein one or more  
of said strings are anchored below said saddle.